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Hide And Leather Census Being Made

Washington, Jan. 4.—A complete census of the hide and leather stocks in the United States is being made by the federal trade commission, preliminary to beginning its investigation of the hide and leather industry which will seek to determine the justification for present exceedingly high prices of shoes and all other leather products.

Japanese Steamer On Fire In Pacific

A Pacific Port, Jan. 4.—The Japanese freighter Shinyo Maru Number 2, which left an American Pacific coast port on December 31, for the orient, was reported to have sent out a distress call from somewhere in the Pacific, saying the steamer was on fire. The message was picked up by an American vessel and relayed via Honolulu to this port.

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BRITISH ENVOY RETURNING HOME

Washington, Jan. 4.—Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, who has been British ambassador in Washington since May 6, 1913, called at the state department to say that he was going home

on leave of absence. That was as far as the official statement on the subject went, but it is known that further information to be given out from London will confirm the reports that come through English newspapers of a general and sweeping change in the British diplomatic representation in most of the larger capitals.

The purpose of the reorganization, it is learned, touches the personnel of the embassies rather than the policies of the British government in its relation with its allies, and it is expressly stated in an authoritative quarter that there is to be no change in these policies connected with the prosecution of the war.

Sir Cecil has desired for some time to be relieved of the heavy duties of the Washington embassy, as soon as such a change could be made without detriment to the service. It is known now that when Foreign Minister Balfour came to the United States last spring the ambassador tendered his resignation, to take effect, at the convenience of the foreign office, and has been awaiting its acceptance since that time.

Sir Cecil Spring-Rice became the British ambassador to the United States, April 19, 1913, in succession to James Bryce, now Viscount Bryce.

Monaco Ruler Liberalizes The Constitution

Monte Carlo, Jan. 4.—Prince Albert of Monaco on New Year's Day promulgated a decree restoring the constitution of the principality, that had been suspended since the outbreak of the world war.

By the decree the constitution is enlarged and extended in a much more liberal sense, the prince in this way limiting his own powers.

In 1911 a constitution was promulgated which provided for a national council elected by universal suffrage.

Can Check Hunger.
According to an Italian physician, the channel from the mouth to the stomach is the seat of the senses of hunger and thirst, which he claims to have suppressed by cocaine injections.

Naming Alaska.

The name Alaska is an English corruption of perversion of Alayeksa, as it was called by the aboriginal inhabitants of the Aleutian Islands, lying to the westward, observes a geographical magazine. When the Russians first came to one of the Aleutian Islands, they were told that a vast country lay to the eastward, and that its name was Alayeksa. The Aleuts called their own island Nagun Alayeksa, meaning the land lying near Alayeksa. By a process of Russianizing and Anglicizing Alayeksa became Alaska, and Nagun-Alayeksa became Unalaksa. The original Aleutian word Alayeksa meant "the great country," as the inhabitants of scattered islands would naturally consider a vast continental region of varied resources and beautiful scenery as Alayeksa or Alaska has since proved to be.

Flavine as Antiseptic Falls.
Flavine, or acridavine, which has recently been called the ideal antiseptic for use in wounds, is unequivocally condemned by Lieut. Alexander Fleming of the British Army Medical corps, after a series of experiments with its effect upon his own blood, upon microbes and upon pus. The Lancet publishes his experiments in detail, and his conclusions are that strong solutions of flavine have a more destructive action on the blood than on the microbes, and that weak solutions have no antiseptic effect worth mentioning.

LEARNING TO FORGET BEAUTY

Difficult Lesson for Woman, Asserts English Writer, in Describing the Aged Queen Alexandra.

"There is no more difficult lesson for a woman to learn than that of learning how to forget that she has been beautiful," writes a clever English woman.

"One afternoon I saw Queen Alexandra driving slowly in her open motor through the gates at Hyde Park corner. For the first time it occurred to me that this rarely lovely queen is now an old woman nearing four-score years of age. Perhaps she had forgotten to be alert, as is her usual custom, or perhaps the heat of the day had fatigued her. But at any rate there was a touch of tragedy in the thought that Queen Alexandra is learning slowly, but surely, that extreme beauty can fade although the charm of personality can challenge the attack of time.

"I fancy it must have been the queen mother's costume that brought this idea most surely before me. She was wearing a mantle or cloak made of some material in shade of iridescent blue spangles with a close frilling of black lace all round the edge. Her hat or bonnet was of the usual royal shape and built of jetted stuff to match her cloak, with a small white aligrette standing erect in front.

"Under ordinary circumstances one would regard this quaint nineteenth century toilet of the queen mother's as a characteristic conventionality, but somehow on this sunny afternoon it represented to me a sacrifice to the inevitable."

WHY COAT WAS UNBUTTONED

Private, Unable to Speak English, Gives Explanation After His Second Reprimand.

A private of foreign extraction recently appeared at reveille with his overcoat unbuttoned, contrary to regulations, relates a cantonment correspondent. The colonel, who happened to be on the scene, noticed this discrepancy; he called the man out of the ranks, took him to his office and delivered a stern lecture on the necessity of military exactitude. During the admonition the private maintained a dignified silence. When the colonel had finished, he pointed to the door. The man went out.

The following morning he appeared at reveille with his coat again unbuttoned. When the formality was concluded, the captain called him to one side.

"Didn't the colonel tell you to keep your coat buttoned?" he demanded.

The private regarded him blankly.

"I say, didn't the colonel tell you to keep your coat buttoned?"

The man looked at the officer with a puzzled expression.

"Me no spik English," he affirmed mildly.

Camera Lenses Wanted.

The United States signal corps has issued an appeal to the owners of all high-grade cameras. The signal corps needs the lenses of their machines for war work. It is known that the United States bureau of standards has solved the problem of manufacturing high-grade optical glass for aircraft camera lenses, but apparently they cannot be produced in quantity fast enough to equip our fleet of airplanes. The United States has always been a great field for amateur photographers, and there are a large number of high-grade European-made lenses scattered about the country. These lenses the signal corps wants to buy. Long focus lenses working at large apertures are the only kind which can be used.

Eyes Made of Rubber.

Everybody knows that eyes were made to rubber. Very few know that eyes are now being made of rubber. This is one of the million results of the war, notes a correspondent.

Glass eyes are always more or less uncomfortable, and frequently unsightly, and it is interesting, therefore, when the deformities of war are so serious a subject of consideration, to learn that two French workers, Mmes. Lemaire and Teuillieres, have evolved an entirely new method of replacing a lost eye. By the use of a combination of a hard and soft rubber substance they have achieved their aim and are producing an eye that looks well and feels well.

Revolution Headquarters.

Of all Boston's early taverns none were of more historic interest and none dispensed greater good cheer than the Green Dragon, which stood until recent years when it had to be torn down in order that the street might be widened. The Green Dragon was called a "nest of treason" by the British because of the way in which the spirit of liberty flourished here and the fact that many meetings held for the purpose of furthering the cause of American independence were held under its roof. Daniel Webster called it the "headquarters of the Revolution."

Rheumatic Aches

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SHELLS CUT THROUGH WIRE

New Projectile Has Scissors Attachment—Another Releases Short Chains When It Explodes.

There seems no limit to what the new shells can do. One of the latest shells has a sort of scissors attachment which, when released by the explosion, will cut through the strongest wire entanglements. Another releases a number of short chains when it explodes. These chains are sure to wreck anything they touch, says Popular Science Monthly.

The scissors shell has an opening in the casing through which the cutting arms project. They are slightly recessed in order to avoid wind resistance. The arms are attached near the nose of the projectile. They are mounted on steel studs in such a manner that they can rock and expand in order to throw the free ends outward at the base of the shell.

The fuse is made in the ordinary way, and behind it is a chamber for the explosive charge. The projectile is fired just as any shell is fired. The explosion releases the cutting arms and they cut through any object with devastating force.

The chain shell is considered similarly, except that the short chains are wound around the gaine and separated by disks which keep them in place until the projectile is emptied. Sometimes the chains are weighed heavily at the ends. When the explosion takes place the chains fly out with fearful force, and in addition to their high-speed forward movement they rotate rapidly. Needless to say, where they hit something, there is nothing left.

RELICS FROM FLINT RIDGE

Collection of Arrowpoints and Spearheads Donated by Ohio Man to Gonzaga University.

More than 70 arrowpoints and spearheads, gathered at Flint Ridge, O., have been donated to Gonzaga university museum of Spokane by Water A. Mikesell of Newark, O., says the Spokane Chronicle. They come from the most famous flint quarries worked by prehistoric men in the United States.

It was at Flint Ridge that the warriors of the stone age bought their ammunition for the hunt and for warfare.

"The great quantities of flint implements dug up there even in our own days permit us to form an estimate of the extensive workshops that must have been in operation there during the stone age, in order to supply the actual demand from near and far and to store away such a vast surplus," said A. M. Jung, curator of the museum at Gonzaga.

The specimens in the Gonzaga collection show, well, the various colors which made Flint Ridge implements so much sought after in prehistoric times. The characteristic colors are white, gray, yellow, brown, blue, green and black.

Saw Soldier Cousin in Movies.

At a moving picture performance, says the Boston Post, there was shown "The Battle of Arras," and the retreat of the Germans. One view showed some English soldiers marching through a street in France. In the film the soldiers stopped in front of the camera a few seconds, when suddenly an American soldier jumped to his feet and yelled at the top of his voice, "Give 'em thunder, Johnnie, old top! Give 'em thunder!" The audience almost went wild in its applause; but the soldier, realizing what he had done, blushed and started for an exit, when a young woman usher told him not to mind, but stay and see the show. He later explained that the man in the picture was Johnnie Clark, his cousin.

She Wished Good Service.

Telephone girls have many questions put to them daily, according to a young woman who is employed at the Central Union exchange in this city, notes the Indianapolis News.

But the funniest request made by any of our subscribers in all my experience," she continued, "came from an old woman just the other day.

"Is this the Bell Telephone company?" she asked.

"Yes, ma'am, I replied.

"Well, I want to speak to Mr. Bell at once. There's something the matter with my telephone, and I want him to come down here and fix it."

Effect of Learning.

President George Kistner of Campion college said the other day:

"Learning, profound learning, is the light of the world, but we continually get new proof of the harm a little learning does.

"A lady employed a schoolgirl of twelve to scrub her front steps. The schoolgirl worked well, but suddenly she stopped coming. The lady met her on the street and said:

"What's the matter, Minnie? Why have you stopped working for me?"

"The urchin tossed her head."

"I'm takin' Latin now," she said, "and I don't scrub steps no more."

SIFTING OUT THE SLACKERS

Hospital Assistant, Threatening to Cook Alive One Patient to Obtain Grease, Reduces Sick Call.

Stories of how to outwit impostors who report sick in order to loaf in hospitals are among the oldest traditions of the medical branches of all armies, says a writer in a medical journal. A fourteenth-century collection of anecdotes shows that the maligner was known in those days and Cardinal de Barl, who had a hospital at Vercelli, foused its resources were being exhausted by men of this type. He sent one of his subordinates to investigate.

This man, Petrillo by name, who was something of a humorist, dressed himself in the robes of a physician and assembled all the patients for an examination of their wounds. Then he gravely said: "There is clearly but one remedy needed for the cure of ulcers of this character, and that is an ointment made of human grease. This very day I intend, in consequence, to draw by lot one from among you, who will be plunged alive into boiling water and cooked for the salvation of all." Seized by fear, all the patients made haste to report themselves fully recovered from their ulcers, and consequently there was room in the hospital for those who really needed care.

Physicians today, by the use of similar ruses, have discovered many "hospital slackers."

FISHING A MECHANICAL ART

Outfit Consists of Net, Rope and Pulley—All Operator Need Do Is to Turn Crank.

Most operations nowadays can be performed by machinery. Time was when the best sport in angling was obtained by the use of a rope, with patience at one end and a suitable bait at the other. The Wide World Magazine gives a revised edition of this plan. Here it is in all its simplicity:

You hang an immense four-cornered net on a rope which passes over a pulley, turn a handle, and drop the net into the sea. After a time, which may vary according to the mood you are in and the quality of the tobacco you are smoking, you wind up the net and look into it. If it is empty, you let the handle go a few turns, and drop the net into the sea again; if it contains any fish you draw it and bag them. In this way you reduce fishing to a mechanical art. When you haul up this huge net from the briny deep and find by the aid of a telescope that it contains one tiny, solitary fish—as was our case—after many unsuccessful "casts," you rejoice with joy unspeakable and call in your neighbors to the feast.

The King's Beard.

An interesting story is told in connection with the Swedish actor, Ferrast, who was called upon to take the part of Oscar I in a play under that name at Stockholm, Sweden. The actor was ordered by the director of the opera to make up with a full beard, but during one of the intermissions he hunted up the director and told him that Oscar I never wore such a beard. "What kind of a beard did he have, then?"

To this Ferrast replied, "Mustache and goatee, like Napoleon III."

"How do you know that?"

The conclusive reply was offered, "From my postage-stamp collection."

The change was made and at the second performance the public noticed with astonishment how King Oscar had altered the cut of his beard. To stamp collectors it is hardly necessary to point out that Mr. Ferrast secured his information by looking up the issue of Norway, 1856-7.—Christian Science Monitor.

Farming in France.

The French government has undertaken to supply the depleted ranks of the farmers and to give assistance to the amateur farmer by means of a correspondence course, which has been eagerly received. The pupil receives instructions as to a course of reading, the management of a small experiment plot, the carrying out of simple experiments, visits to neighboring farms, etc. The Union of Agricultural Syndicates, which has assumed charge of this work for the government, has appointed a number of "counsellors" to supervise the work of pupils in their several neighborhoods. The pupils prepare monthly examination papers and render monthly reports on their work.

Dog on Operating Table.

Mack, a bulldog owned by Mrs. Charles Wright, teacher at the Rule school, says a Walla Walla (Wash.) exchange, got so much porcupine quills in its mouth and throat during a fight with that animal that it had to be chloroformed and hundreds of quills were taken out with pliers. The dog was protecting chickens owned by its mistress. Mack has successfully fought off badgers, snakes and coyotes which have sought to steal the chickens, and when the porcupine appeared it charged it. Even with its mouth filled with quills it continued the attack.

Win Victoria Crosses.

Since the Victoria Cross was first instituted, sixty-six years ago, as a reward for conspicuous valor in the Crimea, the bestowals have not amounted to a thousand. Five hundred and twenty-two was the number of the recipients before the beginning of the present war, and during the last three years 317 men have won the most coveted of all decorations.

BARCELONA AN ACTIVE CITY

Most Progressive of All Spanish Municipalities and Center of the Revolutionary Movement.

The revolutionary movement in Spain centers in the city of Barcelona. The goal of the revolutionists is a republic, and republics stand for progress. Of all Spanish cities Barcelona is the most progressive, writes Niksha. For ten years the conservatives have been looking askance at this great modern shipping and manufacturing center, so different from their sleepy inland strongholds, and from the peasant villages of the quiet hills, with political ideas of the last century.

Barcelona is a great world city. It is outdistancing Marseilles as the Commercial Queen of the Mediterranean. The Spaniard has often been charged with a lack of business and enterprise. Barcelona is his answer. Here his factories rival those of Lancashire, his shipping that of Liverpool. The great industrial suburbs, each a city in itself, are reminiscent of the outlying cities that cluster about Manchester in the industrial north of England.

Yet Barcelona remains characteristically Spanish. The city has taken the ugliness, the bitter competitive spirit of modern industry, and, more nearly than any other industrial center, has blended them with beauty and Latin courtesy and good nature. Barcelona is Spain awakened, but not Spain transformed.

It is a sunny town, with a clear, bracing air and a blue sky that the smoke of a thousand chimneys never hides. It has plenty of parks and tree shaded boulevards; even its poorer quarters lack the sordidness of the Anglo-Saxon slum. The flower markets, the promenades, the cafes, are thronged with loungers, not of the leisure classes, but workmen in their leisure time. The Spaniard has learned to work without forgetting how to idle. And withal, the crowds are keen and wide-awake, mightily interested in public affairs, and discussing politics with the heat that is a birthright in the Latin races. Barcelona promises to remain at the forefront of progressive Spain.

MUSKRATS ARE FOUND EDIBLE

Little Animals Sold and Eaten in Many Cities as "Marsh Rabbits." According to Correspondents.

Newspaper correspondents advise us, says the Peoria Journal, that last fall they appeared in the Washington, New York and Boston markets many barrels of plump little animals, all dressed and skinned, which were sold as "marsh rabbits."

It appears that for several weeks the good people bought these animals, cooked them according to the special directions and served them at family and party dinners as "rabbits"—not realizing that this food was really something vastly different from that of the ordinary rabbit.

Then came the announcement that the "marsh rabbit" was nothing less than the muskrat.

All of which goes to show that even now the American people are not averse to being fooled. In fact, they like it. Bismarck's statement holds true as it did when he displayed a sand-piper elephant as "the only sacred white elephant in captivity."

We sometimes think that this is becoming a "marsh rabbit age."

Liberty Bell Bonds.

Thousands of banners and posters, and nobody knows how many circular letters and newspaper advertisements, have vied with one another in bringing to public attention the excellent reasons why everybody should own Liberty bonds. Here is a reason which has not been mentioned by any of the banners, posters, or advertisements, serves a New York exchange:

"Have you bought your Liberty bond?" asked McCole's friend as the two came through the tube on a crowded subway train.

McCole replied proudly that he had done so—with the bit of money he had been able to scrape together.

"You see," he added, "I figured they was good things to have. For instance, if you get arrested and needed bail you could use them and not lose the interest."

Want No Vermin.

No man is allowed to enter Germany from Russia without being thoroughly disinfected and purified. It is not disease that the Germans are guarding against, but something that to them is more terrifying than disease—vermin. Therefore, friend or foe, nobleman or peasant, nobody is allowed to cross the threshold of Germany without a visit to one of the disinfecting stations along the eastern frontier. Even one of the emperor's sons had to submit to the disinfesting process and received along with such of the Russian Cossacks who carried it, a certificate reading: "His Royal Highness Prince Alexander is, for the time being, free from lice."

Resisting Kelp.

Before the war potato could be bought for \$10 a ton; since its importation from Germany ceased it has risen to \$450 a ton.

G. C. Hopkins, in The Forecaster, describes the harvesting of the gigantic kelp of the Pacific, and says this yields not only potato but ammonia and iodine, while the gas generated in the process is used to help the distillation. The United States department of agriculture is harvesting the kelp with floating mowing machines.